



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Prelude

Kevin DeYager

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

H205

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

2 The Lord of life is risen today;
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Deacon

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Deacon

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

S280

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his
voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with
you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please sit

The First Lesson Acts 4: 5-12

Lay Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles...

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

"Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."...The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

Lay Reader A reading from the first letter of John...

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us...The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

H304

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel John 10: 11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Deborah Loder

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He had spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Leader That Christ's holy and lifegiving Resurrection may fill our lives with peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader That the Church may boldly proclaim the Gospel and minister in love to all people. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Michael our Vicar, Debra our Deacon, and the candidates for Presiding Bishop, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, and that there will be an end to hostilities in Gaza and the Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader That the leaders of the world will work for justice and peace, and promote the dignity of every human being, and especially the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed leaders in our nation, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader That the peace of God which passes all understanding may comfort and strengthen the sick and the suffering, the weak and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Leader That the faithful departed may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:
People Hear us, Lord of glory!
- Deacon* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
People Amen.
- Deacon* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
- Congregational Song** **Let There Be Peace on Earth** (text is located on the back cover of the hymnal)

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Please stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer, as able.

Offertory Sentence: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God."

Offertory Music

Kevin DeYager

All **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;
Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Deacon proceeds:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life.

May this sacrament of praise and thanksgiving bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness and everlasting salvation. Assure us of your mercy, and sanctify us by your heavenly grace; that we, approaching you with a pure heart and cleansed conscience, may offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to your glory. Blessed be your holy name for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Deacon And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Deacon The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup of wine offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

Deacon The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Communicant **Amen.**

Deacon The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Communicant **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit inflame us; and may the blessing of God rest upon us and abide with us, now and evermore.

Amen.

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
- 2 All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.
- 3 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted lovingkindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.
- 4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name Christ. Alleluia!

Dismissal **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Kevin DeYager

We invite you to quietly meditate during the postlude.



Please remain in your seat until the videographer raises an arm to indicate the recording has ended.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Family & Friends Prayer List

Win Charles for recovery and healing
Red and Paula Simms for strength

The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing List

Calvin Werbelow
Kathleen O'Hagan
George Toschak
Paula Erwin Yoder
Becky Thomas
Hartley Bennett
Sandy Schlege, Betty Hanson
All first responders
All Healthcare workers
All funeral directors and staff



Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

U.S. Air Force	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
U.S. Army	Andrew	
U.S. Navy	Caleb	Landon
	McKenzie	

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;

Announcements

Coffee Hour - ECW



4/21 Parish Nurse
4/25 Newsletter Articles due
5/05 SALT Project Luncheon
5/05 Birthday Celebration
5/05 Rustic Ranch Service
5/09 Morning Prayer and Breakfast
Prayer at St. Alban's Chapel 7:30
followed by Breakfast at Copper State Café

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Project SALT Food for 4/28: Pasta, Rice, Pasta Mixes, Rice Mixes

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8-12 am
Mike's Hours Wednesday - Saturday 10:30 - 4:30. Sunday after service by appointment.
Deacon Debra by appointment



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